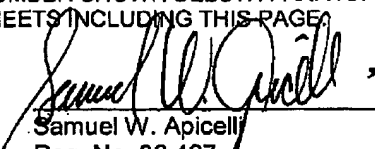


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 7, 2005, and preliminary
to the examination of the above-identified Continuing Examination Application, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

A Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) application has been filed in
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**A Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate A Double Patenting Rejection Over A
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